

2020 Zion Lutheran Church of the Battlefords Congregational Annual Report

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Chairperson's Report

Greetings on the occasion of this the Annual General Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church of the Battlefords;

In February of 2020 when the current Council was elected under the new Zion Constitution we could not have envisioned how the year would unfold with a global pandemic. Our new Constitution saw a smaller number of council members, but a dedicated and committed group. Although Donna Roske was elected as chairperson at our first council meeting, she was unable to complete the term of office and the vice chair stepped up. On behalf of the council and the Zion community, I would like to thank Donna for her dedicated service to Zion in many roles, and specifically for her leadership on council.

Your congregational council members are the trustees of the congregation, with the role of general oversight of the life and activities of the church while ensuring that everything is done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the ELCIC (Part VII Sec. 5 of the *Constitution*). Our time and talents have been tested this past year in endeavoring to live out the purpose and objectives of Zion Lutheran Church in worship, learning, witnessing, service and support. We established a Strategic Plan and new structures to support the goals and priorities of the plan, much of which was not realized due to the pandemic, but for which the commitment remains as we move forward with hope and promise in 2021.

You have entrusted us with the resources of Zion and decision-making around the use of these resources, be they human, financial or capital. We were forced early in the pandemic to make the difficult but needed decision to layoff all staff and contractors except the Pastor. We benefited from COVID-19 support grants, and we were blessed with your offerings. By the grace of God and under the leadership of Pastor Sheldon, we have survived when many others have not.

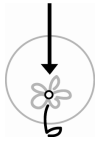
Through adversity comes strength, and your council has witnessed this firsthand. Facebook Live became the worship platform; learning through Bible Study and scripture discussions moved into our living-rooms through technology; witnessing took on creative means; service expanded and contracted to ensure the safety of our members, while support remained steadfast for the community of Zion and the community of the Battlefords and area. Zion rose to the challenges posed by the pandemic, and through the production skills of the Gattinger Family, the followers gathered in numbers beyond our expectations. The Lord works in mysterious ways!

We look forward to a vaccine that will ensure the safety of in-person worship, learning, witnessing, service and fellowship sometime in 2021. Until then, we will continue to support the mission and ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and look forward to the fellowship we will enjoy in the future.

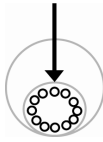
With gratitude and thankfulness for your support of the ministry of Zion,
Sherry Jimmy
Chairperson

Pastor's Report

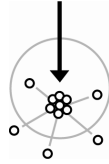
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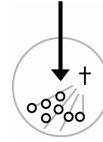
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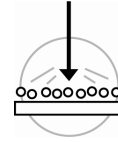
Witnessing



Service



Worship



*Submitted To The Zion Lutheran Church Congregation
February, In The Year of Our Lord, 2021*

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, and are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

“What Great Things Will The Lord Have In Store For Us This Year?” (Pastor Sheldon, Feb. 2020)

This is how I concluded my congregational report last February. At first blush, this comment appears to have aged like warm milk. But on prayerful reflection, I am in awe of how God's Word & Spirit have sustained us during this year of pandemic life.

On March 16, 2020 we received a public health order from the Provincial Government directing us to suspend “in person” worship. This order both grieved and concerned me. *What should we do? How should we do it?* There was nothing to be found in my lived experience or training to have prepared me for such a moment as this.

That Sunday, we streamed our first “live” Facebook service. Our steaming efforts were (and continue to be) a work in progress. Thankfully, you have joined with us for this “at home” worship experience.

In April, I added weekly devotions and updates to our video library.

In May, we started a daily (5 days a week!) online live Bible Study. I was absolutely thrilled by the engagement and attendance. Regularly, we were having over 50 people attending Bible study- That just does not happen!

At this point, something began to happen...You started to invite others to join with us in Sunday worship and weekday Bible studies. The power of “*social media*” was being used to share the gifts of Christ with the world. I can enthusiastically boast that hundreds of “new” people have joined with us for worship, study, and fellowship- That just does not happen!

In August, the Government of Saskatchewan relaxed the gathering restrictions and we opened ourselves up for “in person” worship with a maximum of 60 persons allowed. I was joyed to be gathered with others again in prayer (but not song, unfortunately). Disappointingly, Zion’s “re-opening” was put on hold in October as COVID-19 cases increased in Saskatchewan and gathering restrictions were reinstated.

During this past year, my zeal for ministry and service in Christ’s name has not decreased; but the way I engage, proclaim, and serve has changed. As a parish pastor, I cherish a church building filled with people and a calendar bursting with worship services, appointments, and events.

Now my efforts to connect, proclaim, and serve have shifted to telephone, messaging, zoom, and skype. I will not lie; these formats continue to hold a distant second place to actually “being with people”. May this day quickly arrive!

In closing, I cannot express enough gratitude to my family (Loralee, Carmella, Olivia) for their love and professional support over this past year. For every service, they have served as Zion’s technical crew and worship leaders. Thanks be to God for their ministry and enthusiasm to serve.

I thank our Church Council Leadership Team. Though this year has offered many challenges, Church Council has always worked to be a faithful example of Christ’s sacrificial love. The leadership they have shown has certainly helped sustain and strengthen this congregation.

I thank YOU- God’s faithful people. You have blessed this ministry with your prayers and support. Your encouragement, patience, and willingness to adapt to new ways of doing ministry has allowed Zion Lutheran Church to remain a relevant and vibrant expression of Christ’s love in the Battlefords.

“What Great Things Will The Lord Have In Store For Us This Year?”

Rev. Sheldon Gattinger
Zion Lutheran Church
North Battleford, SK.



Saskatchewan Synod 2020 Congregational Annual Reports

Year-end letter from Bishop Sid Haugen

As I write this letter, I am trying to imagine you gathering early in 2021 for the annual meeting of the congregation. Are you sitting in front of a computer screen in your homes? Or will Health Directives allow you to gather in your church sanctuaries in limited numbers, physically distanced, and masked? Or will it be a hybrid of the two? 2020 has been a year of ‘working it out’—with congregations facing the daily challenge of ‘being the church’ in an unpredictable world. Much of what we have always done we either cannot do, or are required to do in radically new ways. Our work at synod has been similarly marked by the challenge the pandemic presented. In this odd year of 2020, there were particular ways synod was not able to work ‘as normal’ this past year, and there were also unique opportunities for the work of the synod with congregations, ministries and rostered ministers

Support of congregations and ministries: Synod continues to support the work of congregations and ministries. On a very basic level, synod acts as a ‘cooperative’ of congregations and ministries. Congregations provide benevolence to the synod so that the whole body is offered support. One of the reasons congregations give to the synod is so that their sisters and brothers across the synod have support when it is time to call a pastor or when it is time to handle a congregational issue or even when it is time to deal with the difficult work of church closure.

During 2020 support of congregations and ministries continued as usual in some respects. We connected with congregations seeking leadership. Some were looking to call a pastor. Others were seeking ways of being church when the parish could no longer afford a full-time pastor. We worked with congregations needing to have a conversation about closure.

In the pandemic world, synod handled a different set of issues in support of congregations and ministries. Congregations and ministries faced the challenge of how to be church during the pandemic, given the Health Directives that restricted our usual way of worshipping, learning and serving. Synod office arranged an array of Zoom calls for congregational leaders. Pastor Ali Tote, who has a PhD in epidemiology worked with the synod as we brought together congregational leaders during the various phases of the pandemic. Typically, we met over one week to consult with lay and rostered leaders across the synod and the next week we met with the leadership to present Synod guidelines. During each phase, we would affirm our responsibility as church to follow the Health Directives for the sake of our people and the communities in which we serve. Then we presented Synod guidelines as recommendations from Synod for each of our congregations and ministries to consider. In our polity, congregations and ministries are responsible to interpret those synod guidelines given their knowledge of their own specific context. Zoom calls also took up conversations with the synod finance manager about ways to fund the congregation when we could not meet together and ‘pass the plate’, including a discussion about how to apply for pandemic funding available federally. Feedback on the Zoom calls has been very positive from faith leadership. Over a week of Zoom calls with synod leadership, we would have more than 100 of our lay and rostered leaders on the calls. Unprecedented times are difficult to face, but almost impossible to face alone. Many thanks to Pastor Ali for his work with us in this time.

Support of rostered ministers: Rostered ministers found themselves significantly challenged by the pandemic. So much of ministry is about presence: gathering people for worship, gathering the grieving for a funeral, gathering a confirmation class or an adult class to study, meeting people in their homes for pastoral care, working with council and committees to do ministry. COVID changed nearly everything. Synod worked with rostered ministers in the early part of the pandemic to meet by Zoom primarily to support each other. We gathered rostered leaders in 'clusters' of 12-15 by geographic area--weekly for the first months of the pandemic. We met for Dwelling in the Word, mutual support and sharing updates. I will not soon forget the feel of these meetings. We needed each other. During the summer and fall, the roster met by Zoom together with lay leadership to deal with new phases in the pandemic.

As we moved through the COVID days I have been really impressed with the roster. Ministers who have never used video stepped up and worked at it. Whether comfortable with the media or not, the remote video services have been well attended by the faith communities. They know their minister's familiar voice. Indeed, many of the remote services have seen increased numbers from person to person worship. On the other hand, some ministers understanding that their community was not going to be able to access even simple internet (sometimes the bandwidth was simply not there), produced orders of prayer, sermons delivered by hand and organized 'phone trees' for community care.

The wider church: The pandemic has seen a drawing together of leadership across the ELCIC. Synodical treasurers and the national treasurer have met throughout the pandemic to understand the financial challenges, and to present resources available for our congregations and ministries. The conference of bishops has met throughout the pandemic for mutual support and to share ideas. One of the developments from our conversation was the idea to provide a sermon resource for the summer. The six bishops and the assistants to the bishop all prepared a print and video version of a sermon for the period from mid June to mid September. The sermon series was received very well across the church. It was also one of the ways we have been brought together across the country as one church.

Synod office move: With the Seminary leaving its building on Seminary Cr., we initiated a search for office space before the pandemic, a process that suddenly halted during early months of the pandemic. But we did find a space in north Saskatoon. During the summer, when Health Directives were somewhat less restrictive, we moved to a newly renovated office space in the industrial park in Saskatoon: #6-2220 Northridge Dr. It is easy to locate, near the corner of Idylwyld and Circle Dr, located in a service mall with ample free parking, and has excellent WIFI.

Synod convention 2021: Synod convention will run as scheduled this summer on June 4-5. But we will not gather in person. We will meet in a virtual convention. ELCA synods who have held virtual conventions in the past year, have reported at times wider participation in the virtual conventions than they have had in face to face. Look for further information in the weeks ahead.

Financial: The synod, as you know, is financed by the voluntary 'benevolence' of our congregations and ministries. From that benevolence Synod supports our key partners: 20% of that benevolence to our National Church and 15% of benevolence to our Lutheran Theological Seminary. The remainder is used directly within our synod. Staffing at synod remains quite lean: our administrative team in Saskatoon consists of a .75 time office manager, a .5 time executive assistant, and a .2 time finance manager; our

pastoral team on the road consists of two .25 time Assistants to the Bishop. In total this staff of just under 2 Full time Equivalents support me in the synod's work with our roster of congregations and ministries: 106 congregations, 3 synod ministries (and several other ministries with whom we have a formal relationship); and with the roster of ministers: 125 ministers including active, on leave from call and retired. Congregational benevolence also supports the work of synod council, synod committees and provides a synod office for the administration of the synod.

While congregations have done very well in developing other ways of funding than 'passing the plate' every Sunday, most congregations have experienced, nonetheless, a decline in financial support. Not surprisingly, the synod has received moderately less financial support from the congregations during the pandemic. At the same time, our expenses have been reduced with less travel by the bishop and assistants, less travel, lodging, and meeting expenses for synod council and committees (who have been meeting virtually for the most part since mid-March). While 2021 looks like it will move step by step toward some form of normalcy by fall, synod funding for this year is concerning. Please keep the synod in your prayers, and in your budget conversations as we move together into this new year.

So here we are. At the end of a challenging year for our communities and for our congregations that we had not anticipated. At the beginning of a year full of uncertainty. We once walked through a pandemic like this back in the early part of the 20th century. And we are still here. I'm reminded of Jurgen Moltmann, the theologian of hope. Moltmann said that though we suffer the "No" of God in many ways, God's last word, God's lasting word is always "Yes." So we work and we pray on this journey of hope.

Loving God,

You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace,
Bishop Sid

Please visit the Synod website at www.sasksynod.ca to sign up for Synod News or to find information from our Synod.



Parish Statistical Report

Feb. 1, 2020- Jan. 31, 2021

“In Person Worship Services”

Feb.2- March 15: 7 Services- Average Attendance: 112

Sept. 13- October 25: 6 Services- Average Attendance: 34

“Online Services” (Including Holy Week and Special Services)

42 Sunday Services: Average Attendance (Facebook Metrics): 207 “Devices”

4 Healing Services

3 Holy Week Services

Online Bible Studies

72 Weekday Online Bible Studies

Marriages

Serge Harbord & Karen Jensen (June 20, 2020)

Kyle Baynham & Quinn Eberle (August 1, 2020)

Baptisms

Curtis Goll (November 28, 2020)

Funerals

Victor Ballachay (July 24, 2020)

Lorna Drewlo (August 29, 2020)

Harold Drewlo (September 25, 2020)

Jacques Leask (November 4, 2020)

Zion Lutheran Church Membership

Baptized: 367 Confirmed: 342

Worship - Learning – Witnessing – Service – Support: Activity Reports

Women of Faith

Purpose of Group: With our words, actions and benevolence, we provide service and support to our church and its members as well as the larger community.

2020 Activities: Quilting tying was done in January and February with a group getting together at the church. Several Members do the quilt sewing at home. Fifty quilts were given to the Saskatoon Salvation Army. Fifty quilts will go to Ronald McDonald House. We have approximately fifty quilts to be distributed when contacts are obtained. Unfortunately Canadian Lutheran World Relief no longer sends any supplies overseas, as it has become too expensive to ship these items. Open Door was held in January and February. The residents from the Saskatchewan Hospital and Battlefords District Care enjoy playing cards, games and other activities. Lunch is served also. We facilitate a Prayer Chain, praying for all requests received. There are 18 members in this chain. The group was unable to serve any funeral lunches in 2020. Women of Faith have supported the Saskatoon Hospitals Chaplaincy Program and Kinasao.

Submitted by Audrey Reid

Sunday School

Purpose of Group: Zion Lutheran Church's Sunday School program exists to foster fellowship among our Jr. Youth, enhance biblical knowledge, and engage in faithful conversation. Our Sunday School program uses lectionary-based stories and lessons to assist children in applying Scripture to their daily reality.

2020 Activities: The Sunday School program started 2020 off strong with two classes running during the church service. The two classes were broken up by age with one class being ages three to seven and the other ages eight and up. The combined attendance was strong averaging 10 to 15 kids. We employed an online curriculum called "Whole people of God" which has worked well for us for the last several years. Our teachers were Charlotte Hamilton, Kerilyn Voigt, Shannon Rask, Susan Goll, Heather Leask, and Lorelee Gattinger. Each teacher would volunteer for a few Sundays in a row. Sunday School came to an abrupt stop when we were no longer able to have in-person worship. Because we were not able to hold our annual Christmas Pageant, we asked the students and their families to provide a video that could be included in the Christmas Eve Service. Some options given to them were singing, playing an instrument, reading a story, or sharing a Bible Verse. We had excellent participation in this and have heard only positive feedback. We look forward to the day we can once again resume our Sunday School classes.

With thanks to God for many blessings, Lorelee Gattinger

Youth Group

Purpose of Group: It is the goal of our Youth Group to provide space and resources to our youth as they live and worship in our congregation. Zion's youth group strives to develop growth in three key areas: Fellowship, Knowledge, and Service.

2020 Activities: We began January excited to fundraise for our trip to CLAY2020 which unfortunately had to be cancelled. Four of our youth and one leader had planned to go. Before it was cancelled we were able to do a few fundraising activities. We had a lunch on January 26 following worship. On February 23 we held a Chili Cook-Off. We had participants sign up to bring their favorite recipe of chili. The congregation then tasted them all and voted for their favorite. This was very well attended. The final fundraising event held was a pancake supper for Ash Wednesday. We had several other fun events planned for the year but had to cancel them due to the pandemic. We are excited to resume activities once it has been declared safe to do so!

With thanks to God for many blessings,

Loralee Gattinger

Care Home Communion/Worship Team

Our purpose: to provide Communion and Sunday Worship Services to residents in Long Term Care Facilities in the Battlefords area.

2020 Activities:

God wants us to take the Church out of the physical building and go to meet the needs of His people in their homes and communities. Residents in Long Term Care Centers are physically not able to attend weekly Sunday Services or receive Communion. Most of these residents are in the final days of their lives and desperately need to have their spiritual needs met. This Worship team provides Sunday services to residents at Battleford District Care Center, approximately every 5 weeks, rotating with Churches in the Battlefords area. On occasion, we have had to step in when another Church isn't available. Team members lead the worship with hymn singing, a sermon and prayer. We also distribute the ELCIC devotional, Eternity for Today to residents. These team members have established friendships with regular Church attendees. Because it's a Sunday service, we frequently need to transport residents to and from their wards to the Recreation area where Church services are held. This team also has regular, monthly, Communion Services at BDCC and River Heights Lodge. The Communion bread and juice is blessed during the Communion Service during the Sunday service prior to the weekday Communion Service at the facilities. These services consist of hymn singing, a devotional, scripture readings taken from the preceding Sunday service. At both facilities, when residents request or are unable to physically attend Communion but wish to receive it, team

members go to the resident's room or common areas where they are seated. Accompanied by scripture, prayer and a hymn, Communion is given individually, in this manner. An important aspect of the worship and Communion services, is hymn singing. Vivian Seib chooses and leads the familiar hymns as they relate to the scripture readings and we join with residents in communal praise to God. This music brings much needed comfort and familiarity to residents who have had cognitive changes that affect their memory. It's thrilling to see residents, sitting in wheelchairs, seemingly unresponsive, sit up and start singing these familiar hymns with us. Also, the hymns played on the piano before and after the service also serve the same purpose and set the tone for worship. Another crucial part of our services is the 1 to 1 visits before and after the services. Residents look forward to seeing us, call us by name, relating their concerns to us. It is very rewarding and uplifting to serve our communities' LTC residents in this way. And, often, we leave the facility more blessed than when we came. Because of the SHA Covid restrictions and quarantine, we were unable to have traditional Communion services. However, we adapted. In summer and fall, we were allowed to have week day worship services outside, behind a fence, at RHL. Residents were uplifted to see us, sing familiar hymns and hear scripture and a devotional. SHA Covid protocols changed in the fall and we were not allowed to provide these services. We continue to drop off copies of Eternity for Today devotionals at both facilities and the Recreation staff distribute them, safely. We all miss this providing this service and long for the day when we can physically be at BDCC and RHL once again.

Submitted by Cathy Watson for members: Vivian Seib, Joyce Radchenko, Lillian Hall, Hilda Eberle, Cathy & George Watson, Thelma Wakelin, Joyce Munn, Darlene Jensen, Jenn & Echo Veregin, Denise Porter and family.

Music Ministries of Zion Lutheran Church

The purpose of Music Ministry is to proclaim what God, Christ and Holy Spirit, has done and is doing in the world. It is integral to our liturgy and is central to Worship. Music ministry also compels us to lives of Witness, Service, Support, and Learning, which are central goals of our congregational Life. This Ministry involves church musicians, vocalists, our Choir and Praise Band, who facilitate congregational singing, liturgy, and musical offerings for the spiritual edification of the congregation.

In 2020, the COVID pandemic necessitated the closure of in person worship and our music ministry had to be significantly altered. No choirs, no group singing, meant that we used other means of integrating music into our congregational life. Pastor Sheldon used pre-recorded musical offerings from congregation members, and recorded music from Christian Artists, for times in the worship liturgy that required it. As well, our church musicians contributed to in person worship from mid September to December. Our choir did sing for graveside service funerals, and for our care home ministries at River Heights Lodge, and Battlefords District Care

under strict Public Health Guidelines. We also had an outdoor concert on our lawn on September 8th showcasing our Choir, congregational and local musicians and songwriters. Around 35 people attended, and we raised some money for the church. It was an enjoyable event. Also thank you to all who submitted musical offerings to our virtual Christmas Eve Service, and to Pastor Sheldon and family for constructing this Worship service. It was viewed and appreciated by many. The way music was integrated into our congregational life, in 2020, was inspiring, creative and innovative. God was with us.

Moving forward, we are all looking forward to Choirs singing, group singing, and praise bands playing. It will be a gradual role-out in compliance with Public Health guidelines, but we will sing our praises to God together again, in 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Arnd

Financial Report

PLEASE NOTE:

The following financial information should be viewed with the following information in mind.

1. The Statement of Financial Position has been updated to include the original cost of the kitchen renovations and equipment purchases. This has significantly increased the reported capital costs related to these assets.
2. During the past year ending December 31,2020 we were fortunate to have received a donation of \$10,000 designated for the purpose of paying down the Credit Union mortgage. Principal payments to the mortgage are not reported as an expense in the Statement of Operations so it should be recognized these funds were not available for operations and directly increases reported net surplus

Also during the the 2020 year we were in receipt of a \$14,787 subsidy to offset wage costs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Similar amounts are not forecast to be received in the 2021 year.

Readers are cautioned to recognize the impact that the total of these two items (\$24,787) has on the reported surplus for 2020

Statement of Operations

Zion Lutheran Church of the Battlefords Inc.

Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison

Jan Through Dec, 2020

	Jan - Dec 20	Jan - Dec 19
Ordinary		
Income/Expense		
Income		
Offerings		
Loose Offerings	318.25	3,582.90
Offerings - Other	146,985.11	140,467.24
Total Offerings	147,303.36	144,050.14
Rents	7,554.24	9,570.00
Total Income	154,857.60	153,620.14
Expense		
Benevolence	0.00	7,000.00
Education/Conference/Convention		
Conference/Convention	0.00	1,008.85
Total Education/Conference/Convention	0.00	1,008.85
Facilities		
Custodial	2,370.00	7,793.33
Insurance/Corporation Expense	3,847.28	4,312.08
Repairs and Maintenance	1,576.34	714.44
Supplies	1,853.17	1,231.72
Utilities	10,787.68	8,457.22
Total Facilities	20,434.47	22,508.79
GST Paid	1,530.60	1,340.16
Office		
Advertising and Promotion	0.00	82.50
Bank Service Charges	651.40	714.48
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	342.42
Mortgage Interest	3,890.72	4,467.29
Office Supplies	167.51	2,970.43
Postage and Delivery	184.00	0.00
Printing and Reproduction	3,150.99	2,972.92
Professional Fees	4,136.15	3,146.59
Telephone Expense	4,173.72	2,245.16
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	750.00
Total Office	16,354.49	17,691.79
Payroll Expenses	110,714.88	116,369.21
Personnel		
Pastor	382.08	2,524.58
Vehicle Mileage		
Assistant	0.00	422.00
Total Vehicle Mileage	0.00	422.00
Total Personnel	382.08	2,946.58
Unrealized gains and losses	-1,643.76	1,471.36
worship		
Altar Supplies	86.62	180.37

Bulletins and Tracts	416.50	1,666.70
Organists/Music	0.00	840.00
Total Worship	503.12	2,687.07
Total Expense	148,275.88	173,023.81
Net Ordinary Income	6,581.72	-19,403.67
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Bank Interest	207.61	735.25
Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy	14,061.14	0.00
Designated Offering Income		
Building Fund	10,286.00	13,158.56
Carnations	0.00	164.00
Insurance Claim	11,591.20	0.00
Memorials	200.00	0.00
Sunday School	0.00	491.50
Suppers	100.00	1,482.49
Youth	2,612.95	120.00
Total Designated Offering Income	24,790.15	15,416.55
Total Other Income	39,058.90	16,151.80
Other Expense		
Canadian Wage Deduction	-726.50	0.00
Designated Offering Expense		
Building Fund	0.00	2,680.93
Carnations	0.00	321.45
Insurance Claim	11,494.97	1,272.78
Sunday School	0.00	831.44
Suppers	-25.00	1,230.60
Youth	1,500.00	120.00
Total Designated Offering Expense	12,969.97	6,457.20
Total Other Expense	12,243.47	6,457.20
Net Other Income	26,815.43	9,694.60
Net Income	33,397.15	-9,709.07

**Zion Lutheran Church of the Battlefords Inc.
Statement of Financial Position**

	December 31,	
ASSETS	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Current Assets		
Credit Union operating		7,815
GST recoverable	991	2,593
Prepaid payroll remittance	<u>2,759</u>	
	<u>11,565</u>	<u>2,593</u>
Fixed Assets		
Land	17,860	17,860
Building	358,478	358,478
Furniture/Equipment	107,108	107,108
	483,446	483,446
Other Assets		
Credit Union Member Rewards	2,285	2,139
Discovery Co-op Equity	140	140
Investment		10,907
Investment - FMV adjustment		<u>(2,881)</u>
	<u>2,425</u>	<u>10,305</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$497,436</u>	<u>\$496,344</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Union overdraft		8,378
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	2,868	10,622
Payroll deductions payable		5,067
Designated offerings payable		
Youth Group	<u>2,845</u>	<u>2,845</u>
	<u>5,713</u>	<u>26,912</u>
Restricted Donation		<u>10,907</u>
Long Term Liabilities		
Credit Union mortgage	<u>55,732</u>	<u>69,244</u>
Total Liabilities	61,445	107,063
Equity		
Equity in Capital Assets	483,446	483,446
Unrestricted Net Assets	(83,258)	(84,456)
Net Income (loss)	<u>35,803</u>	<u>(9,709)</u>
Total Equity	<u>435,991</u>	<u>389,281</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$497,436</u>	<u>\$496,344</u>

Looking Ahead

Zion Lutheran Church – Goals for 2021:

As we look to you, the congregation, to approve the 2021 Budget as drafted for your review, we are very aware that we need to realistically align our goals for the upcoming year with our resources. As we enter into 2021, we look forward with hope to establishing a 're-open strategy': a plan designed to prepare for resumption of safe in-person worship and learning. We also recognize that we are being challenged to remain creative in our approaches to safe worship, learning, service, witnessing, and support within self, family, congregation and community. We ask for your prayerful consideration of goals in 2021 that supports our congregational vision and mission.

Zion Lutheran Church of the Battlefords 2021 Annual Budget

Benevolence

Sask. Synod (8%) 12,916.80

Facilities

Custodial/Repair & Maintenance

Snow clearing	Jan - Mar	150.00	
	Oct - Dec	<u>250.00</u>	400.00
Grass Cutting	26 wks @ \$30/wk		780.00
Spring yard work			200.00
Annual Fire inspection			75.00
Parking lot maintenance			350.00
Plumbing/Heating/Electrical			500.00
Supplies		<u>500.00</u>	
			2,805.00

Insurance

5,200.00

Utilities

SaskPower		4,500.00	
SaskEnergy		5,500.00	
City of North Battleford		<u>1,200.00</u>	
			<u>11,200.00</u>

19,205.00

Office

Credit Union service charges	450.00	
Supplies	500.00	
Postage/Delivery	400.00	
Printing/Copying	2,750.00	
Audit/Legal	3,500.00	
Telephone/Communications	<u>4,000.00</u>	
		11,600.00

Altar/Worship supplies

1,500.00

Payroll

Pastor			
Salary	52,375.00		
Housing Allowance	19,445.00		
CPP/EI	4,412.00		
Pension	5,745.00		
Group Life/Health	9,080.00		
Continuing Education	<u>600.00</u>		
		91,657.00	
Mileage	1,000.00		
Telephone allowance	<u>1,200.00</u>		
			93,857.00
Casual wages	(Sept - Dec)	2,000.00	
Organist	(Sept - Dec)	600.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>150.00</u>	
			96,607.00

Debt Servicing

Monthly mortgage payments (Principal & Interest)	7,402.00	
Annual Mortgage Repayment	10,000.00	
Designated by Donor(s) (Principal only)	<u>11,500.00</u>	

28,902.00

Capital expenditures

Chairs - Sanctuary		<u>10,000.00</u>
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Total budgeted expenditures**180,730.00**

Designated offering(s)

Debt retirement	-11,500.00	
Capital purchase campaign	<u>-10,000.00</u>	<u>-21,500</u>

Required general offerings**159,230.00**

Attachment 1

2020 Annual Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Opening Devotion

Approval of the Agenda

Minutes of the February 10, 2020 AGM

Business Arising from the last AGM Minutes:

New Constitution update

Other

Overview of Reports (found in Annual Report)

Chairperson's Report

Pastor's Report

Saskatchewan Synod Report

Program Reports

Presentation of Financial Report for 2020

New Business:

Appointment of 2 Delegates to Synod Convention June 2021 (virtual)

Presentation of Budget 2021

Election of Council Members

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Adjournment

Closing Prayer

Attachment 2

Zion Lutheran Church of the Battlefords Inc. Annual General Meeting for 2019, held Feb 9, 2020

Call to Order by Chairperson Donna Roske.

Agenda approved: moved by Glen Leask and seconded by Carol Deagnon that we accept the agenda as presented. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting held Feb 10, 2019 as amended. Moved by Doug Reid, seconded by Bernie Meisner. Carried.

Amendment: 4. Should read “directory” rather than “Iran hope”.

Business arising from minutes:

Question regarding going paperless on certain items to cut cost. It was reported that all has been done to cut costs in this area.

Second reading of the proposed constitution and bylaws: Moved by Susan Seib-Goll and seconded by Les Richardson that we adopt the constitution and bylaws as amended during the first reading Feb 10, 2019. Carried. Kerilyn Voigt offered a thank-you to all those who worked on the constitution and bylaws. The document is posted on our web site.

New Business:

A congregation member has offered to pay for paint to repaint the central area of our church. Glen Leask has offered to paint it during the Easter Break. Thank-you!

Reports: Moved by Sherry Jimmy and seconded by Lori Graupe that the reports be accepted as presented, carried.

Chairperson Report: Donna expressed gratitude for the many ministries of our congregation. There is some concern over the time it has taken to cash in the bond which was to be used for the lighting of the main area of the church and is confident it will be cashed in very soon.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Sheldon feels blessed and grateful for the many ministries our church provides within our community. The finances continue to create stress and he prays about the role of the Pastor in all of this.

Parish statistical report: Total members received in 2019 should read 5. The new council is asked to oversee a membership review with the goal of our statistics more accurately reflecting the reality of our membership.

Education, Trustee and Deacon Committee reports as presented.

Women's Ministry: Audrey Reid expressed that they enjoy the Pray Ground for the children.

Treasurer's Report: Kerilyn Voigt presented for Treasurer Jordan Voigt. Moved by Kerilyn Voigt and seconded by Glen Leask that we accept the report as presented. Carried.

Statement of Operations: Even though the offerings increased considerable last year, the year-end report shows a deficit of \$6,405.84. We are currently using a quick loan until the bond (expected to be around \$10,000) gets cashed.

Statement of Financial Position: as presented

Budget: this is a bare bones budget with little room for further reduction. Questions arose regarding benevolence payments. Ian Hamilton, who sit on the Synod Council, commented that the synod is experiencing financial challenges as well. He committed to bringing more information back to the congregation regarding the synod operations.

Report of the Nomination Committee and election of Council. Under the new constitution we will elect 7 council members without specifying positions. Once the council is elected, they will determine the chair, vice-chair, secretary and other positions. The committee presented the following seven names for council: Charlotte Hamilton, Sherry Jimmy, Heather Leask, Donna Roske, Jordan Voigt, Jeff Arndt, Les Richardson.

Doug Reid was nominated from the floor, he declined.

The seven presented members were acclaimed.

Nominating Committee for 2021: Kerilyn Voigt, Doug Reid, Ev Gardiner

Meeting Adjourned

Closing Prayer